

# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

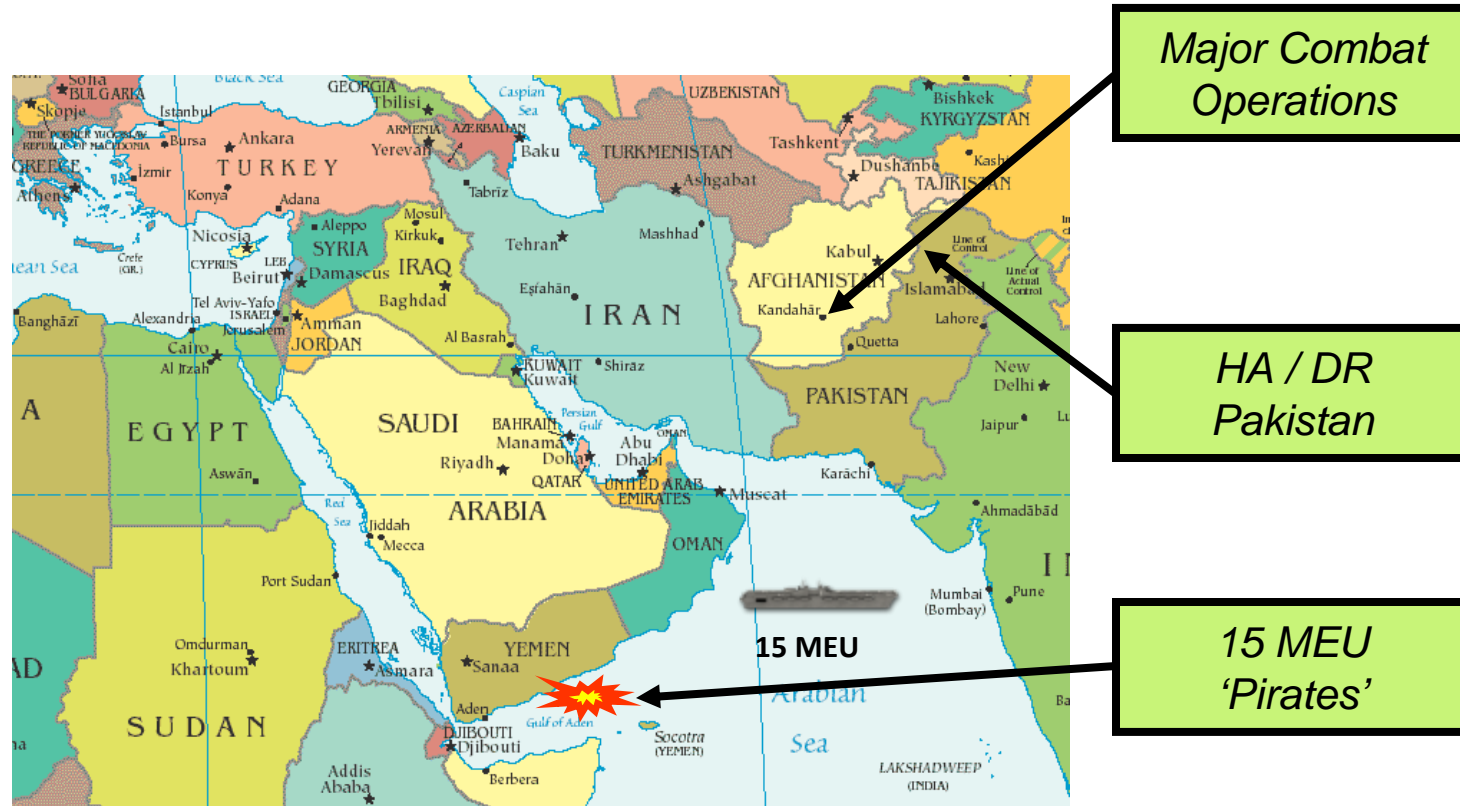
A collage of various US Marine Corps operations. At the top left, an aircraft carrier is shown at sea. In the center, an amphibious assault ship is visible. To the right, a helicopter is in flight. In the bottom left, a helicopter is lifting a load. In the bottom right, two Marines are on the ground with a green container. The background is a deep blue ocean with white waves.

The nation's general  
purpose expeditionary  
force:

- **Interdicting** Pirates at Sea
- **Providing Relief** in Pakistan
- **Fighting** in Afghanistan

Every  
Clime & Place

# The Marine Corps ...a uniquely capable, general purpose expeditionary force ...



Responsive and Scalable across the full "Range of Military Operations"



# MAGTF Capabilities Across the Range of Mil Ops



## Marine Expeditionary Force



## MEU



## Counterinsurgency

*HA/DR*

*Theater Security*

*Cooperation*

*NEO*

*Joint Forcible Entry*

## MEB



## SP MAGTF



**Partner and Prevent**

**Crisis Response ..... Contingency Ops**

**Major Combat Operations**

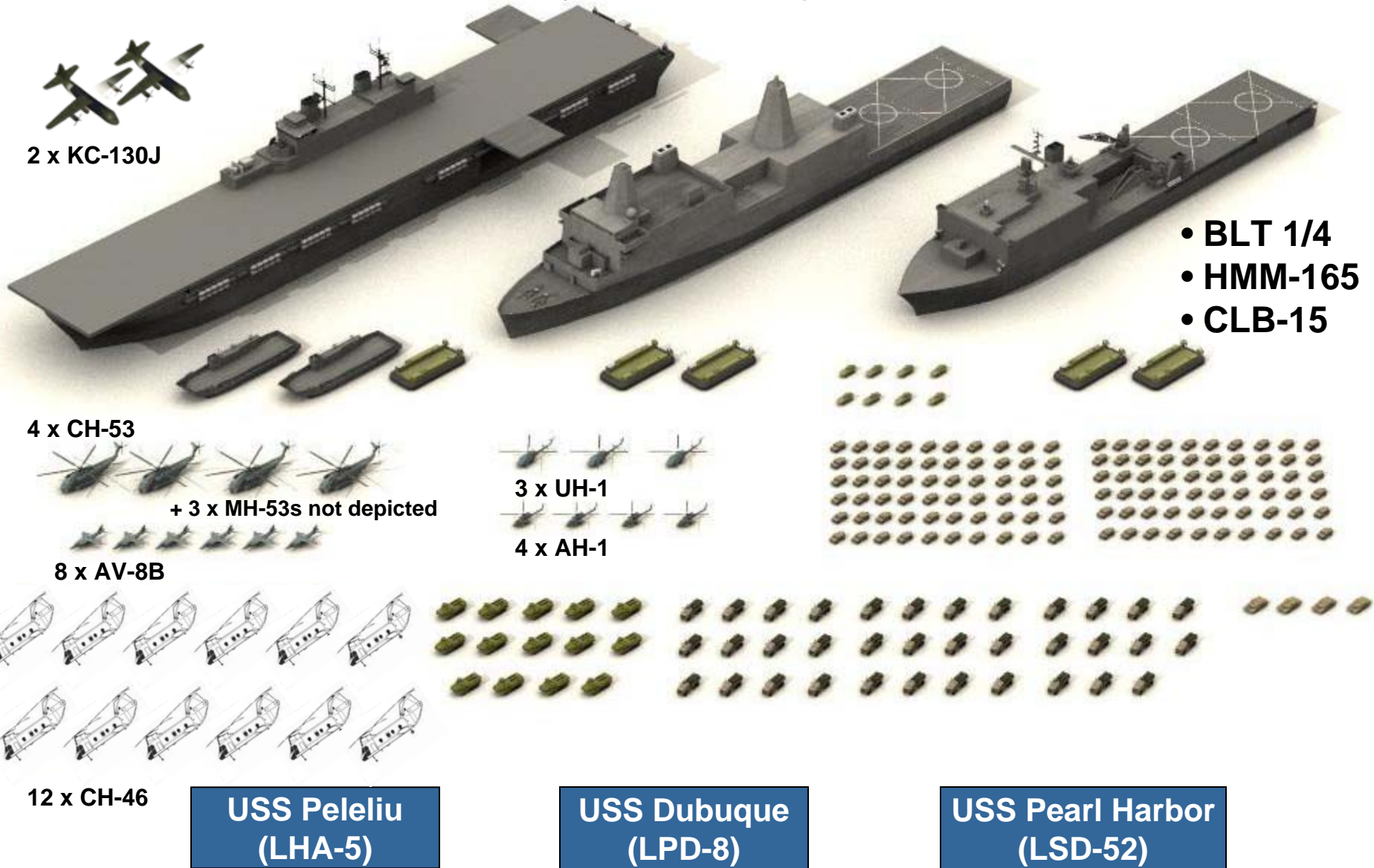
**Integrated with Combatant Commander Theater Campaign Plans**

# Peleliu ARG / 15th MEU Capabilities

"Iron Nickel"

(vic Karachi)

(~2,200 Marines)



- BLT 1/4
- HMM-165
- CLB-15

2 x KC-130J

4 x CH-53  
+ 3 x MH-53s not depicted

8 x AV-8B

12 x CH-46

3 x UH-1

4 x AH-1

**USS Peleliu  
(LHA-5)**

**USS Dubuque  
(LPD-8)**

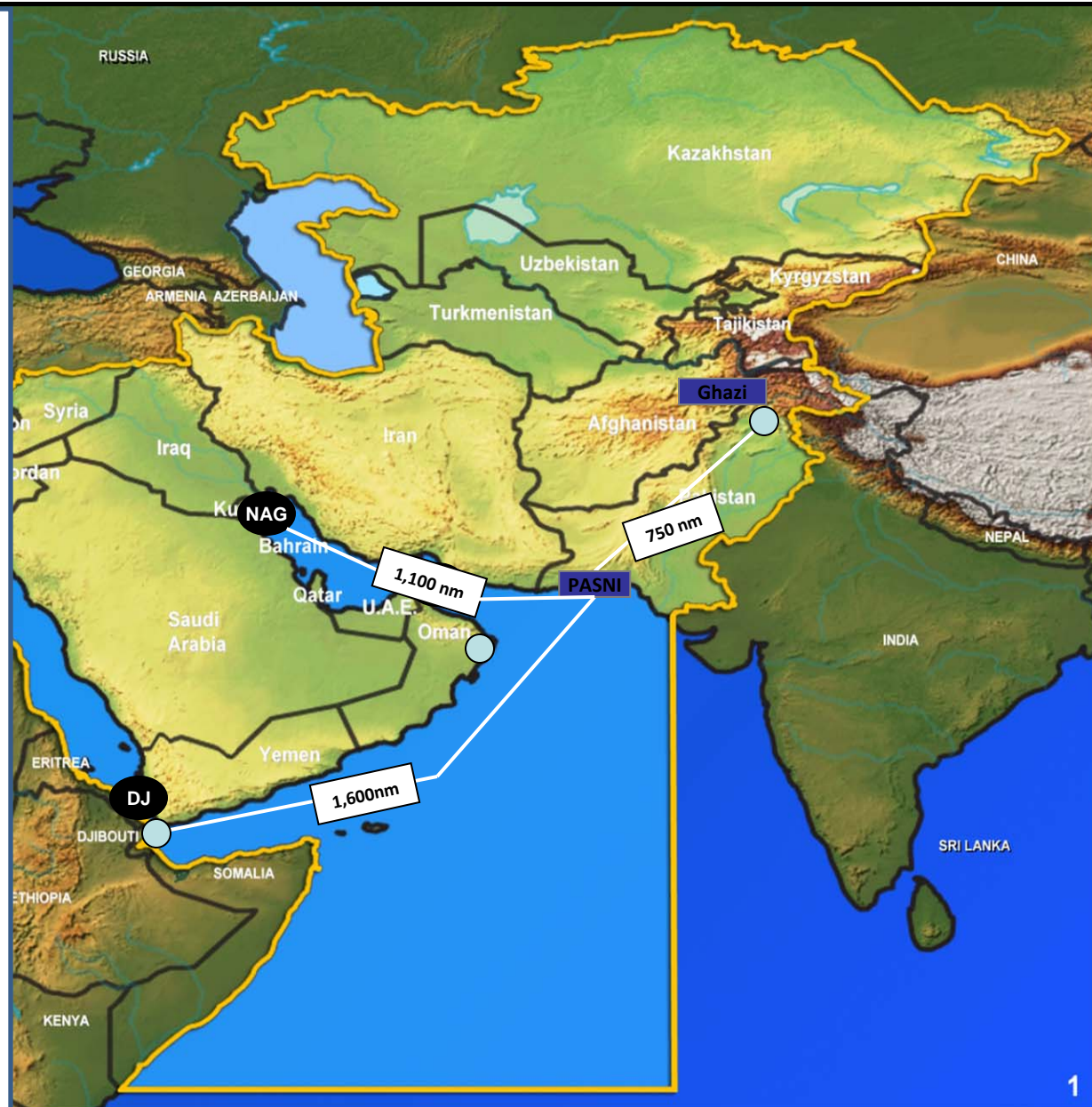
**USS Pearl Harbor  
(LSD-52)**

*Deployed Forward since mid-May 2010*

# 15<sup>TH</sup> MEU Operational Reach

## Split ARG Operations

- CENTCOM THEATER RESERVE
- Supporting HA/DR Operations in Pakistan
- Supporting OEF with Close Air Support in Afghanistan
- Conducted VBSS of M-V MAGELLAN STAR to eradicate pirates in Gulf of Aden
- Scheduled to conducted TSC engagements and exercises in Jordan, Kuwait, Yemen, UAE





# MAGELLAN STAR VBSS 9 SEP 10

*At daylight (0300Z), 9 Sep 2010, 15 MEU conducted a successful opposed Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) of an Antigua/Barbuda flagged, German-owned MV Magellan Star from suspected pirates*

- Mission authorized with concurrence of Flag State and Ship Master
- Elements of 15 Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked on board USS Dubuque
  - Battalion Landing Team 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment
  - Force Reconnaissance Plt
- USS Princeton on station
- No casualties to US or suspected pirates; no shots fired
- All 11 crew members secured and in good health with no injuries reported
- 9 suspected pirates in custody on board USS Princeton
- NCIS conducting investigation



## **15<sup>th</sup> MEU's Operation to Gain Control of the Magellan Star**

9 September 2010, Gulf of Aden: During the pre-dawn hours this morning, elements of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and COMPHIBRON Three of the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group embarked on USS Dubuque (LPD 8) facilitated the capture of nine suspected pirates and the safe rescue of 11 crew members from the Motor Vessel Magellan Star who barricaded themselves in the engine room until friendly forces arrived.

The men's performance today was extraordinary. All hands aboard the USS Dubuque are safe, sound and back on their home away from home. The 11 crew members we rescued are now a proof source that Marines are "No better friends" and the nine suspected pirates that we're "No worse enemy." The precision, coordination, sturdy professionalism, and restraint displayed by the Marines, and Sailors of our Navy, Marine Corp team was humbling to behold.

The evolution to gain control of the M/V Magellan Star from suspected pirates is a tremendous example of what an international Coalition Task Force can accomplish when united in purpose. It was a precision operation, well planned, well coordinated, well rehearsed and exceptionally executed. All a result of eleven months of rigorous training conducted by the 15TH MEU's Maritime Raid Force and the team aboard the USS Dubuque. The operation was a tremendous success by any metric.

The Maritime Raid Force is composed of elements of the MEU's command, ground, logistics, and aviation combat elements - as well as members of the USS Dubuque's crew. Specifically, Force Recon Marines who initially boarded the hijacked vessel from Navy Special Warfare boats supported by attack helicopters from HMM-165, and a command and control element, security force (who also boarded the vessel), and snipers from Battalion Landing Team 1/4. The raid was staged from the USS Dubuque and supported by USS Princeton, CG-59, and the Turkish Frigate TCG Gokceada, F-494.

Despite aggressive posturing, an initial refusal to surrender, and repeated efforts by the suspected pirates to request money for the vessel, the maritime raid force captured the vessel relatively unharmed. M/V Magellan Star is back underway on its own power headed to its next port of call seven hours of the raid's commencement with her eternally grateful crew unharmed and intact.

-- LtCol Clearfield (CO of BLT 1:4, 15 MEU)



Snipers from 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 4<sup>th</sup> Marines in overwatch





Sept. 9, 2010: Helicopters from USS Dubuque (LPD 8) provide aerial watch as Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Maritime Raid Force, embarked on Dubuque, right, boarded and seized control of Antigua and Barbuda-flagged, German-owned vessel M/V Magellan Star, left, early Sept. 9. Pirates attacked and boarded Magellan Star Sept. 8. Dubuque is part of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151, the multinational task force established by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) to conduct counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and the Somali basin. (U.S. Navy photo by Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class William Farmerie)



Sept. 9, 2010: Combined Maritime Task Force (CTF) 151 flagship, TCG Gökçeada, background, a Turkish frigate, and USS Dubuque (LPD 8), left, wait as Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Maritime Raid Force, embarked on Dubuque board and seize control of the Antigua-Barbuda-flagged, German-owned vessel M/V Magellan Star. early Sept. 9 after pirates attacked and boarded the vessel Sept. 8. CTF 151 is the multinational task force established by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) to conduct counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and the Somali Basin. (U.S. Navy photo by Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class William Farmerie)

# PAKISTAN HADR

"Relief supplies must reach women, men and children **as soon as possible**, in order to avoid further death caused by waterborne diseases and food shortages," said Martin Mogwanja, the United Nations' humanitarian coordinator for Pakistan.



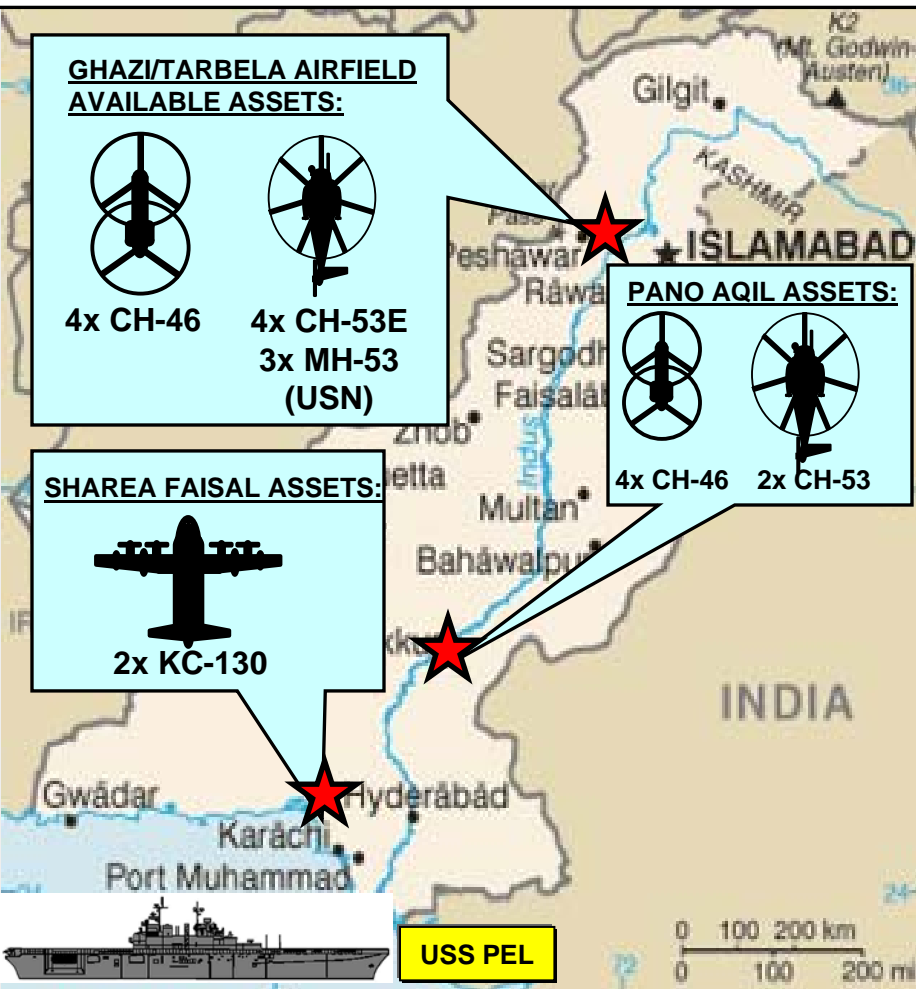
**Peleliu ARG/15<sup>th</sup> MEU**

Because of monsoon rains, flooding began in the country's northern provinces, and continues to move south into Punjab and Sindh areas.

*At least 1,500 people have died and about 20 million displaced by Pakistan's worst flooding in more than a century. About 6 million are estimated to be at risk of lethal diseases.*



# PAKISTAN HADR



## Operations to Date (9/08/10):

- 15<sup>th</sup> and some 26<sup>th</sup> MEU assets ashore in multiple locations, PAK conducting planning and coordination
- People moved: 8,947 Evacuees
- Cargo delivered: 2,233,744 lbs
- Conducting media visits throughout the area
- 15<sup>th</sup> MEU additional air assets: 4/CH-46 and 6/AV-8B

## Next 24hr Planned Events:

- Continue HADR Support



# MARINES IN AFGHANISTAN



**I don't start any conversation without talking about our number one priority, and that is our Marines in contact, our Marines at the point of the Spear.**

**- General James T. Conway,  
34th CMC**



# AFGHANISTAN

UNCLASSIFIED

RING ROAD

RC NORTH



RC CAPITAL



RC EAST



RC WEST



USMC Special Operations

RC SOUTHWEST



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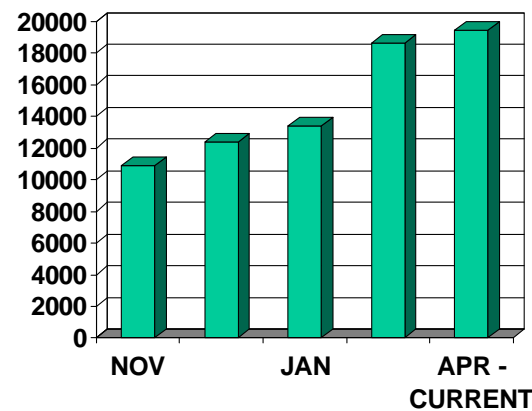
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RC SOUTH



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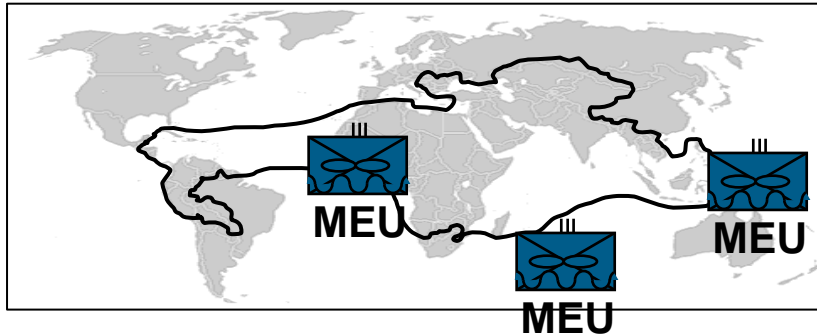
**MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FWD)-AFGHANISTAN**  
**•RC-SW HELMAND PROVINCE**



OEF



# Expeditionary Roots



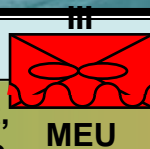
## Crisis / Contingency Response

- Deter aggression
- Quickly respond to crisis & aggression
- Protect citizens / interests
  - 63% of the world's population lives in the littorals ... 75% by 2030
- Expand influence
  - Strengthen alliances
  - Conduct Information Operations

--East Timor  
 -- Kosovo  
 -- Liberia  
 -- Haiti  
 -- Philippines  
 -- Indonesia  
 -- Sri Lanka  
 -- US Gulf Coast  
 -- Pakistan  
 -- Lebanon



Partner and Prevent,  
 Persistent Presence

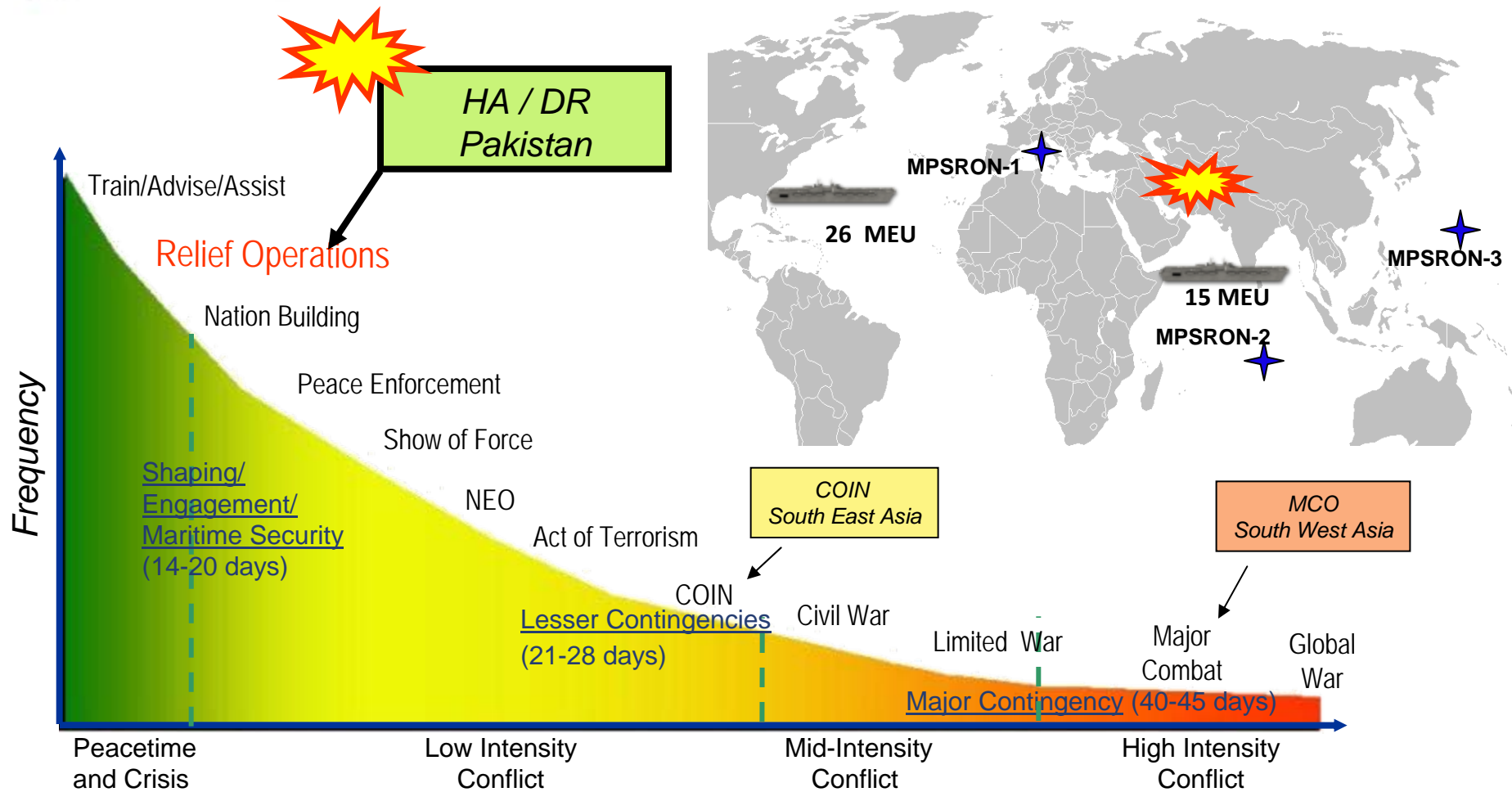


Crisis Response and Limited  
 Contingency Operations

Forcible Entry and Major  
 Operations / Campaigns



# Amphibious Response Capability

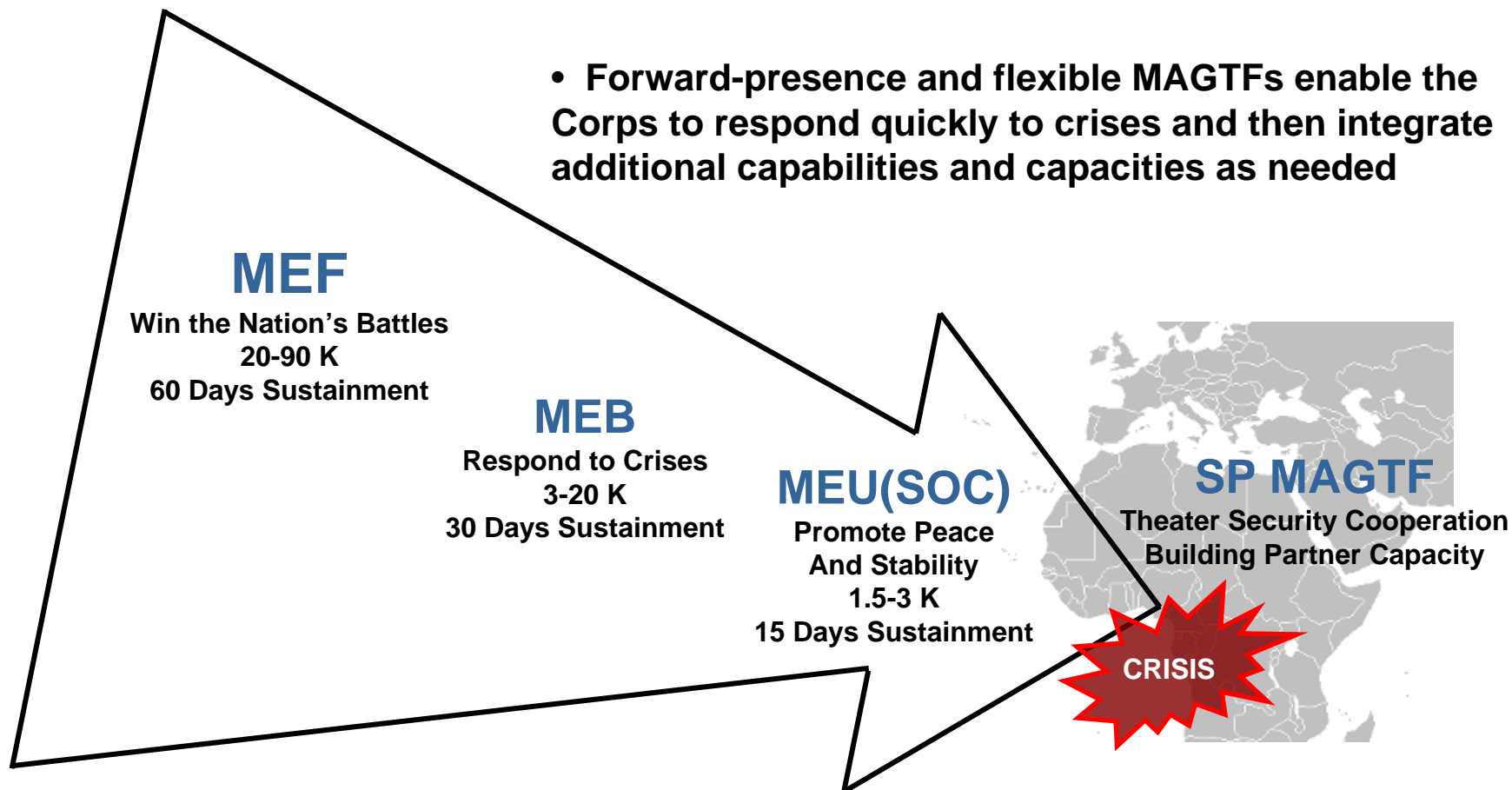


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# Scalable MAGTFs

- Forward-presence and flexible MAGTFs enable the Corps to respond quickly to crises and then integrate additional capabilities and capacities as needed



- The inherent C2, INTELLIGENCE, MANEUVER, FIRES, LOGISTIC, and FORCE PROTECTION of the Navy-Marine Corps team makes us the most flexible and cost-effective force-in-readiness for the Nation



# Amphibious Ship Inventory

As of 20 Jan 2010

	EAST COAST				WEST COAST	
1	WASP	LHD-1		1	ESSEX	LHD-2
2	KEARSARGE	LHD-3		2	BOXER	LHD-4
3	BATTAAN	LHD-5		3	BONHOMME RICHARD	LHD-6
4	IWO JIMA	LHD-7		4	PELELIU	LHA-5
5	NASSAU	LHA-4		5	MAKIN ISLAND	LHD-8
6	PONCE	LPD-15		6	CLEVELAND	LPD-7
7	SAN ANTONIO	LPD-17		7	DUBUQUE	LPD-8
8	MESA VERDE	LPD-19		8	DENVER	LPD-9
9	NEW YORK	LPD-21		9	NEW ORLEANS	LPD-18
10	WHIDBEY ISLAND	LSD-41		10	GREEN BAY	LPD-20
11	FORT MCHENERY	LSD-43		11	GERMAN TOWN	LSD-42
12	GUNSTON HALL	LSD-44		12	COMSTOCK	LSD-45
13	ASHLAND	LSD-48		13	TORTUGA	LSD-46
14	CARTER HALL	LSD-50		14	RUSHMORE	LSD-47
15	OAK HILL	LSD-51		15	HARPERS FERRY	LSD-49
				16	PEARL HARBOR	LSD-52

31 Assault Ships in Inventory